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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Administration /s/ JUL 1979

FROM: [redacted]
Special Assistant to the Deputy Director
for Administration

SUBJECT: MKULTRA Notification of Unwitting Subjects -
Final Report

1. Action Requested: Your signature on the attached letters to Senator Bayh, Senator Kennedy, Secretary Califano, Attorney General Bell, and Mr. Peter Bensinger is requested.

2. Background: In response to your request to the Attorney General in January, Mr. Peter Bensinger, Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, loaned us an officer, [redacted], to help us with the investigation of the safehouse part of the MKULTRA program. [redacted] has been available as needed, virtually full time, since the middle of February. The attached letters to Judge Bell and Mr. Bensinger express appreciation for [redacted] services and for the cooperation and assistance given by many officers of the DEA field office in San Francisco.

In January you also asked Secretary Califano for assistance in analyzing the drugs used. In response to that request we worked directly with people at NIH who provided us with an analysis in early May. The attached letter to Secretary Califano expresses appreciation for assistance given by his Department.

The letters to Senators Bayh and Kennedy transmit a memorandum for the record intended to serve as the final report of our effort to identify, find, and notify persons who were unwitting subjects of drug research conducted under the MKULTRA program. The letters to the Senators include a summary of the results of our investigation. It would be redundant to summarize them further here.

3. Recommendation: Your signature on the attached letters is requested.

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Att

The Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C. 20505

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6 JUL 1979

The Honorable Birch Bayh
Chairman, Select Committee on
Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On 10 May 1979, I sent to you the final report of our effort to identify persons who might have suffered harmful long-term aftereffects from having been subjects, without their knowledge or consent, of drug research conducted many years ago at private institutions. I am pleased now to submit to you the final report of our investigation of the safehouse part of the MKULTRA drug research program conducted in New York City and San Francisco.

After long and exhaustive search, we have located and notified two people mentioned in the diaries of George H. White as having been unwitting subjects of LSD experimentation in the early 1950's. The first of these subjects does not believe that she was ever given a dose of LSD; she has no recollection of any unusual or abnormal reaction or behavior on the date cited in the White diary, or at any other time. The second subject, after being informed that an entry in White's diary implied she might have been given LSD surreptitiously recalled vividly what had been for her a terrifying experience. She expressed gratitude for having been informed and was relieved to have an explanation for the previously unexplained, most horrifying experience of her life. She bears no animosity or ill will toward any institution of the Government but does not feel kindly toward George White.

The second subject has been under the care of a physician in recent months for treatment of a malady of unknown origin. She plans to inform her physician of the LSD incident, which occurred in 1952, and seek his assessment of any possible connection between that incident and her current illness. We have been informed by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare that, "the drugs used in CIA studies are not known to cause late, delayed effects (e.g., cancer) in the absence of long term exposure," and "there is no proof of long term physical effects from LSD." Nevertheless, the subject will explore avenues of recourse available to her and the possibility of an action against the Government cannot now be ruled out.

George White apparently administered LSD on six, and possibly seven, occasions to friends or acquaintances whom he was entertaining as personal guests. We have located and notified two of them but have been unsuccessful in identifying or finding the others. We have an inquiry outstanding with the Social Security Administration. If the SSA finds it to be within their authority to help us, we may find an individual who apparently was not himself a subject, but who was present when another person was given LSD. He may or may not be able to help us identify the person suspected to have been the subject of an LSD test. We will pursue this case, as we have the others, until all avenues of inquiry have been exhausted.

Apart from the six or seven incidents where George White apparently administered LSD to his guests, we have learned of only one other incident where LSD was administered to an unwitting subject. In this case, a small dose of LSD was surreptitiously introduced into a cocktail consumed by a hostess/entertainer at a bar in San Francisco. A follow-up visit several days after the incident disclosed no apparent harmful aftereffects. We have learned that the subject died of cancer about 1963, five years after the incident. Persons who knew of this incident know of no others similar to it.

While we are unable to prove positively that there were no other cases, the information we have developed in the course of the investigation suggests strongly, if not conclusively, that if there were others they would have been few in number. In any event, I have concluded that we have explored every avenue of research and investigation available to us and made every reasonable effort to identify and find persons who were unwitting subjects of drug testing under the MKULTRA program. I regret that we have found only two of them, but I am relieved to have the reasonable assurance that there were significantly fewer than originally feared.

A memorandum for the record intended to serve as our final report is enclosed for your information.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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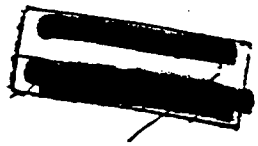

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6 JUL 1979

The Honorable Joseph A. Califano
The Secretary of Health, Education,
and Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter of June 15, 1979, responding to my earlier request for assistance in determining whether drugs administered as a part of the research conducted under the MKULTRA program had the potential for causing harmful long-term aftereffects. Through the very gracious cooperation of your staff we received early in May the analysis prepared by the National Institutes of Health.

For purposes of convenience we treated the MKULTRA program in two parts, one part dealing with research conducted at private institutions and the second part dealing with the operation of safehouses in New York City and San Francisco. A few weeks ago I reported to Senator Bayh and Senator Kennedy that research conducted at private institutions was conducted in a responsible manner. Rather consistently, it appears that subjects of the research were volunteers and that the type and amount of drugs administered and the duration and circumstances of the administration were not likely to have caused long-term aftereffects. In most cases the research conducted at private institutions would have gone forward without support from CIA funds. Typically, research programs were initiated and sponsored by the institution itself before supporting funds became available from external contributions. In general, the research was conceived, planned, and carried out in accordance with institutional protocol and procedures, without direction or control by CIA. We found no instance where the research conducted represented a departure from professional and ethical standards of the time. Results were available generally to those interested, with concealment only of the fact of CIA interest and support.

While we are still awaiting response to final avenues of inquiry, our investigation of that part of the MKULTRA program dealing with the safehouses is now virtually completed. I am sending my final report to Senator Bayh and Senator Kennedy today informing them that we learned of seven, and possibly eight, cases where LSD had been administered to individuals without their knowledge or consent during the 1950's, but were unable to establish

with a comfortable degree of certainty that these were the only cases. One of the subjects died of cancer about five years after the incident. Two others have been found, interviewed, and informed. While this cannot be counted as complete success, I nonetheless feel a certain sense of relief from having the reasonable assurance that the program apparently was much less extensive than originally feared.

Your interest and willingness to help in this matter are very much appreciated. We are particularly grateful to Dr. Seymour Perry and Dr. Anthony Guarino at the National Institutes of Health who prepared the analysis of the drugs for us.

Yours,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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6 JUL 1979

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Griffin:

Last January, in response to my request for assistance in our effort to identify persons who may have been administered drugs without their knowledge or consent as a part of the MKULTRA program conducted in safehouses in New York City and San Francisco, you asked the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration to designate a representative to work with us. Mr. Bensinger designated [redacted], a staff inspector assigned to the Office of Internal Security at DEA, and made him available to us virtually full time since early February.

With the very able help of [redacted] and the gracious cooperation and assistance of many people in DEA, particularly those in the San Francisco office, we have completed our investigation. I am sending my final report to Senator Bayh and Senator Kennedy today informing them that we learned of seven, and possibly eight, cases where LSD had been administered to individuals unwittingly, but were unable to establish with a comfortable degree of certainty that these were the only cases. One of the subjects died of cancer about five years after the incident. Two others have been found and notified. While this cannot be counted as complete success, I nonetheless feel a certain sense of relief from having the reasonable assurance that the program apparently was much less extensive than originally feared.

Your interest and willingness to help in this matter are very much appreciated. I have written separately to Mr. Bensinger expressing to him my appreciation for all the help given by his Administration. Again, many thanks for your cooperation and assistance.

Yours,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER

cc: The Honorable Peter Bensinger

The Director
Central Intelligence Agency

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Washington, D.C. 20505

06 July 1979

The Honorable Peter B. Bensinger
Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration
Washington, D.C. 20537

Dear Peter:

Thank you for making the services of [redacted] available to us as needed since early February to assist in our search for unwitting subjects of MKULTRA drug research conducted during the 1950's and 1960's.

[redacted] services have been invaluable. We have found him to be a highly competent, dedicated, and professional investigator. I would appreciate your conveying to him my commendation and appreciation for a job well done.

We also appreciate the friendly cooperation and assistance given graciously by other members of your staff, particularly those in your San Francisco office. They have been most accommodating.

I am sending to Senator Bayh and Senator Kennedy today my final report of our search. A copy has been sent separately to members of your staff. I believe you will share my sense of relief that we have found the program was much less extensive than originally feared.

Again, your cooperation and assistance are deeply appreciated.

Yours,

STANSFIELD TURNER